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SUBJ: OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE: TEXT OF FINAL REPORT ON
LIMA PHASE

SUMMARY: SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPROVED WATERED-DOWN
VERSION OF PERUVIAN DRAFT FINAL REPORT, ACCEPTING
NOTION THAT TIMES CALL FOR PROFOUND CHANGES IN SYSTEM
BUT AVOIDING SPECIFIC CONCLUSIONS ON WHAT FORM THOSE
CHANGES SHOULD TAKE. END SUMMARY.

1. EIGHT-NATION WORKING GROUP ASSIGNED TO DRAFT FINAL
REPORT ON LIMA PHASE OF MEETINGS WAS PRESENTED WITH
LENGTHY DRAFT OSTENSIBLY PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT BUT
WHOSE SUBSTANTIVE PORTION WAS IN FACT COOKED UP IN
PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. WORKING GROUP SPENT THREE
INTENSIVE SESSIONS BOILING OFF REPORT'S EXTRAVAGANT
CLAIMS OF CONSENSUS AND ACHIEVEMENT, WITH NOT ONLY U.S.
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BUT ALSO BOLIVIA, URUGUAY, AND MEXICO QUESTIONING AND

TONING DOWN ITS ASSERTIONS. IN OPINION OF USDEL,
RESULTING REPORT FAITHFULLY RELECTS PAST FOUR WEEKS'
EVENTS EVEN THOUGH IT SUGGESTS STRONGER PRESSURES FOR
THOROUGH-GOING CHANGE IN SYSTEM THAN WE MIGHT HAVE LIKED.
SIGNIFICANTLY, IT WAS SUBJECTED TO STERN CRITICISM IN
GENERAL SUBCOMMITTEE, MAINLY BY PANAMA AND CHILE WHO
OBJECTED TO REFERENCES TO INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY
"WITH MUTUAL ADVANTAGES" INTRODUCED BY U.S." BUT WAS
FINALLY ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS WITHOUT MAJOR CHANGE.

2. FINAL TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PORTION FOLLOWS:

"THE DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE GENERAL DEBATE AGREED
THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION AG/RES.127 (III-O/73)
IT WAS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT A THOROUGH, OVER-ALL RESTRUCTURING
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, IN ORDER TO ADAPT IT TO THE
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES OF THE HEMISPHERE AND
THE WORLD. IN THIS REGARD, IT WAS STATED THAT THE METHOD OF
WORK ADOPTED SHOULD ALLOW FOR CRITICAL EVALUATION AND THE PRE-
SENTATION OF PROPOSALS FOR RESTRUCTURING THE POLITICO-JURIDICAL
AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS, THE SYSTEM OF COOPERATION FOR DEVELOP-
MENT, AND THE STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORGANS.

THE DELEGATIONS FELT THAT THE NEW CHARTER GOVERNING THE
SYSTEM SHOULD CONSIST BASICALLY OF PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS
AND BE FREE OF ANY REGULATIONS THAT MIGHT RENDER IT INFLEXIBLE
IN THE FACE OF CHANGING SITUATIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE,
AS IS THE CASE OF THE PRESENT CHARTER.

MANY DELEGATIONS ALSO EXPRESSED THE NEED TO STUDY THE
INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE, WITH A VIEW TO
AMENDING AND ADAPTING IT TO RECENT HEMISPHERIC AND WORLD EVENTS.

THE DELEGATIONS ALSO RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO PUT INTO EFFECT
THE MECHANISMS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, SO AS TO
SOLVE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE AMERICAN STATES. TO THAT END, SOME
DELEGATIONS FELT THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO STUDY THE PRESENT
SYSTEM FOR THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, ESTABLISHED IN
THE PACT OF BOGOTA, WITH A VIEW OT IMPROVING IT.

MOST OF THE STATEMENTS AGREED THAT INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION
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FOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE EVALUATED AND RESTRUCTURED AND THAT
IT SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO POLITICAL FACTORS; RATHER ITS
FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT, WITH NO
TIES OF DEPENDENCE, AND THE CREATION OF A CLIMATE OF SECURITY
THAT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE ECONOMIES OF THE COUNTRIES
TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR PEOPLES.

A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS ALSO FELT THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO

STUDY THE FINANCING PROVIDED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WITH A VIEW TO INCREASING IT AND ENSURING THAT THE CRITERIA FOR PROVIDING IT WERE EXCLUSIVELY TECHNICAL.

IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC SECURITY SHOULD INCLUDE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TERMS OF TRADE, AS WELL AS FINANCING, FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT, TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

THE DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO STUDY THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE EXISTING CHARTER OF THE OAS, WITH A VIEW TO KEEPING SOME AND FORMULATING AND INCORPORATING OTHERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEW PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ACCEPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER FORUMS, AND WITH THE CHANGING POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN OUR REGION.

BECAUSE OF THE EXISTENCE OF A PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES IN THE HEMISPHERE, THE NEED TO AMEND ARTICLE 3.D OF THE CHARTER WAS DISCUSSED; ARTICLE 3.D STATES THAT HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY REQUIRES THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN STATES ON THE BASIS OF THE EFFECTIVE EXERCISE OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS FELT THAT A NEW PRINCIPLE OF IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM SHOULD BE INTRODUCED. IN THIS REGARD, IT WAS FELT THAT REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY AND IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM WERE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE. SOME DELEGATIONS STATED THAT THEY DID NOT CONSIDER IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM OR PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES TO BE A PRINCIPLE.

THE LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS STATED THAT ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW SYSTEM SHOULD BE TO STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF LATIN AMERICA. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR CECLA; THEY STATED THAT POLICIES WITHIN THE INTER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN SYSTEM SHOULD BE COORDINATED SO AS TO MAKE IT MORE BALANCED AND EFFECTIVE. IT WOULD THUS SET THE SCENE FOR DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND FOR THE ADOPTION OF DECISIONS, WHICH WOULD PROMOTE INTER-AMERICAN SOLIDARITY WITHIN A FRAME WORK OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL CONCERNED.

THE DELEGATIONS FURTHER FELT THE SYSTEM WILL GAIN IN STRENGTH AND VITALITY TO THE EXTENT THAT IT SERVES TO FURTHER THE CONVERGENCE OF THE INTERESTS OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.

THIS REPORT SETS FORTH THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TASK ENTRUSTED TO THIS SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT. THE JUSTIFIED FEELINGS OF CAUTION INSPIRED BY THE MAGNITUDE

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ON THE TASK WERE DISPELLED BY THE DYNAMIC ATTITUDE OF RENEWAL ON THE PART OF THE PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS. THE THOROUGH PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS MADE IT POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY THE CENTRAL TOPICS AND TO CHART THE COURSE THAT THEIR STUDY SHOULD TAKE. THE CHOSEN METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING THE WORK ACCORDING TO RELATED TOPICS, PROVED TO BE FRUITFUL. IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FREE DIALOGUE AND CREATIVE SPONTANEITY, IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE ESSENTIAL PROBLEMS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM WERE CONSIDERED. THESE WERE MADE IN THE FOR OF FRAFT TEXTS, WORKING DOCUMENTS, ORAL STATEMENTS, AND ENLIGHTENING DEBATES IN WHICH A SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND UNDERSTANDING PREVAILED.

THIS WHOLE PROCESS STRENGTHENED THE CONVICTION THAT THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IS ESSENTIAL AND URGENT IN ORDER TO ADAPT IT TO THE REAL SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH OUR RELATIONSHIPS EVOLVE AND TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF MUTALLY ADVANTAGEOUS PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE

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AND OVERALL DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE ITS RAISON-D'ETRE. THE
CONSENSUS ACHIEVED CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD AND,
AT THE SAME TIME, A MANDATE THAT SHOULD GUIDE THE NEXT STAGES
OF WORK OF THIS SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

THE NEW OUTLOOK ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LATIN AMERICA
AND THE UNITED STATES SHOWS THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IS
NOT ONLY DESIRABLE, BUT THAT IT IS ALSO A NECESSITY: THE
ESSENTIAL MISSION OF THIS SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS TO GIVE THIS
SYSTEM THE FORM AND CONTENT DEMANDED BY THE PEOPLES OF
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